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Billings, Montana



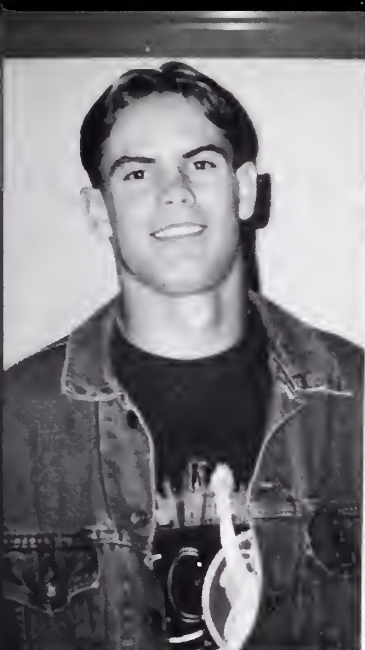




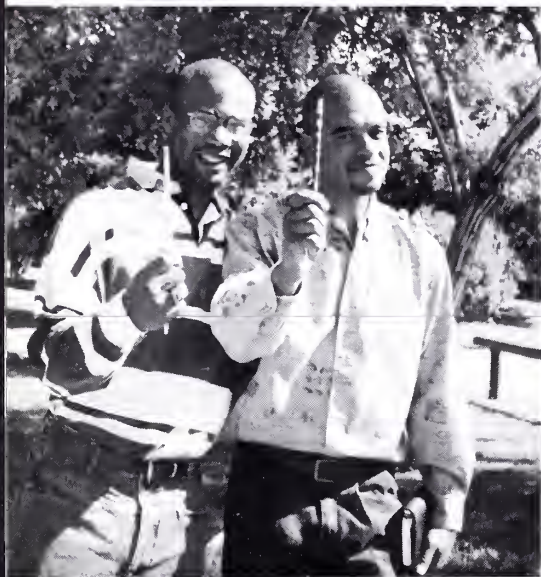




















HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS of African-American men converged on the nation's capital in response to the call from Louis Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam's leader, to rally for unity and brotherhood. The gathering in Washington D.C. on October 16, 1995, was the fourth largest demonstration in Washington's history, and the largest predominately African-American gathering.

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON entered the third year of his term as no president has done for 40 years -- with a Republican Congress. As he began this new year, he resolved to "put aside partisan differences." In April 1995, the Senate passed a bill that cut \$16 billion from various social programs while sparing others favored by Clinton. Although the president called the bill "the model of how we can work together," the gap remained wide over such issues as tax cuts, welfare reform and spending reductions.





# will go down in history...



**U.S. TROOPS ARRIVE IN BOSNIA.** The first U.S. Apache and Blackhawk helicopters roared into Bosnia on December 24 (1995), a tangible sign of a NATO mission commanders said was on target and taking control of front-line positions. While American troops were arriving in the Northern city of Tuzla, French soldiers were extending control in Sarajevo, where a curfew was lifted for Christmas Eve and Christmas.





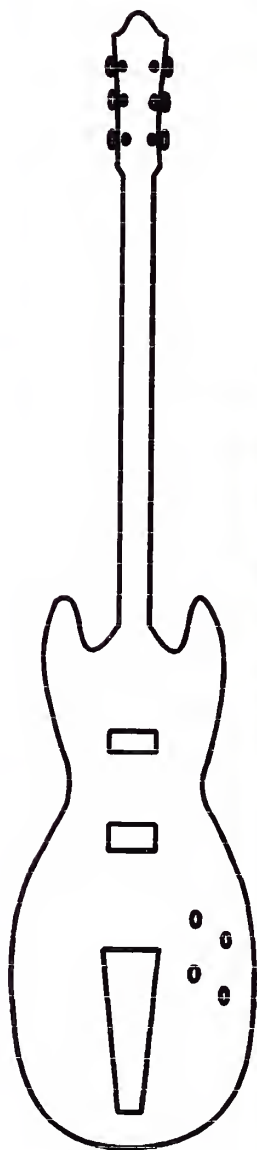
**TRIAL OF THE CENTURY.** On October 3, 1995, the long-running, real-life soap opera played its final episode. O.J. Simpson was acquitted in the June 12, 1994, stabbing murder of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. Americans followed the trial for more than a year, listening to testimony, digesting the evidence and speculating whether the former football star and film actor was guilty. The jury reached its "not guilty" verdict in less than four hours of deliberation after listening to 133 days of testimony and considering more than 800 pieces of evidence.





**OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING.** On April 19, 1995, a car bomb exploded in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, destroying the federal building and killing scores of men, women and young children. The force of the blast tore off the building's facade and sent it flying 50 feet across the street, where it slammed into another building and came to rest in a parking lot. With the outer wall of the building suddenly gone, workers tumbled out of their offices and into the street where the blast had carved a crater 30 feet wide. Shortly after the explosion, Timothy McVeigh, a Gulf War veteran was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon. Two days later, he was recognized as one of the bombing suspects and was charged.

# And justice for all?



**DEADHEADS MOURN.** The leader of the Grateful Dead, Jerry Garcia, died of a heart attack while in a drug rehabilitation center in suburban San Francisco. The guitarist, composer and singer passed away on August 9, 1995, just eight days after his 53rd birthday. Deadheads, as the group's followers were known, quickly gathered to note the passing of their fallen leader.

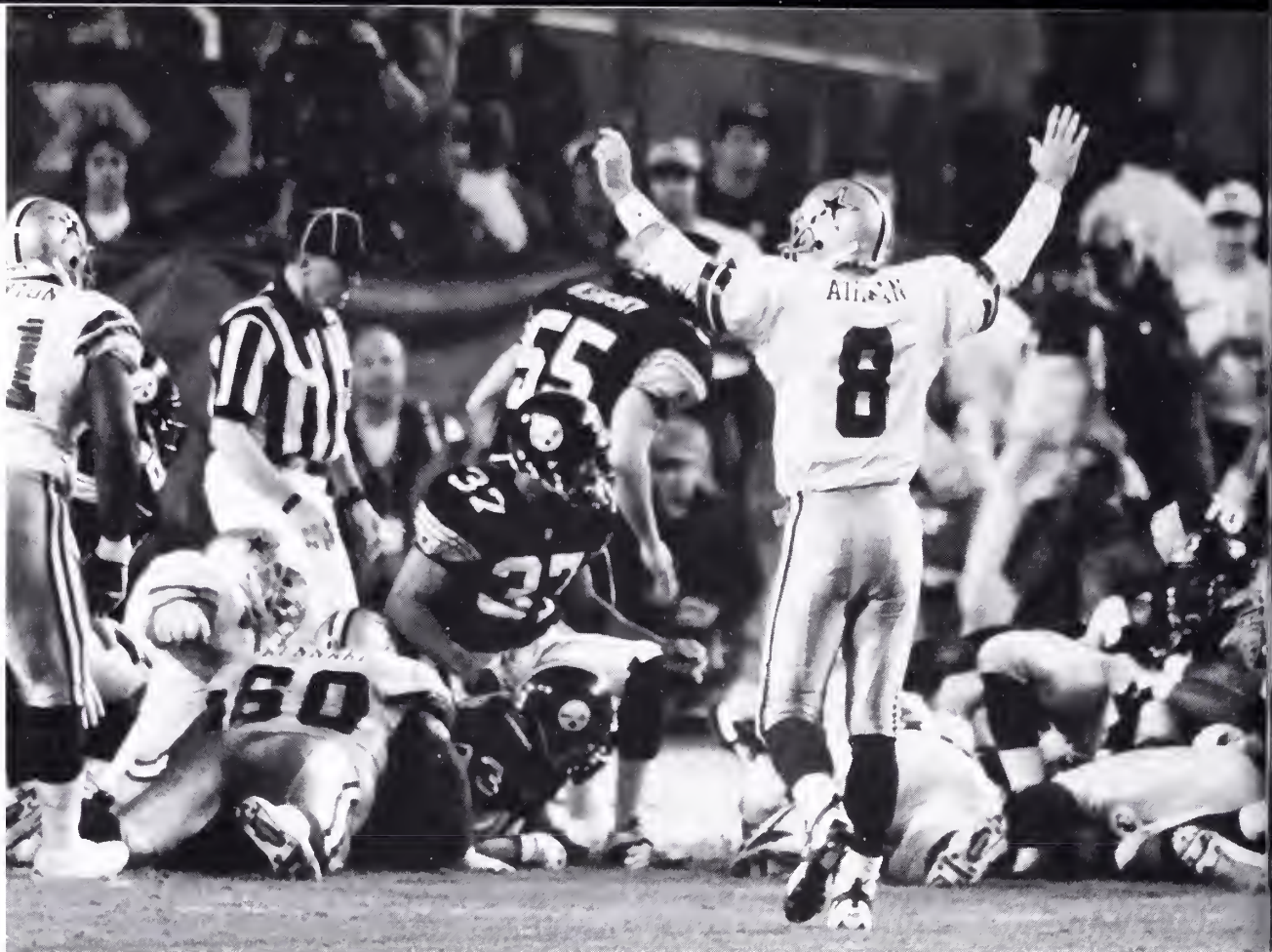


# ROCK N' ROLL LEGENDS



**MTV AWARDS..** This summer it seemed as though Hootie and the Blowfish were playing every time you turned on the radio. The four-man rock group that seemed to come out of nowhere and dominate the audio scene did not go unnoticed on the video scene. Hootie, featuring vocals by lead singer December 20, 1996, Darius Rucker, won an MTV award for best new artist for their video, "Hold My Hand." Biggest winners of the night: TLC and Weezer, each of whom had to make room on their mantels for four awards.





**THIRD TIME'S A CHARM.** Despite playing nowhere near their best, the Dallas Cowboys won their third Super Bowl in four seasons on January 18, 1996, beating the Steelers 27-17. No team has gotten that many Super Bowl titles in such a short span. "We did it! We did it! We did it!" exulted coach Barry Switzer. Switzer had two trying seasons as Jimmy Johnson's replacement

**DEVASTATING STORM.** On the evening of October 4, 1995, Hurricane Opal came ashore on Florida's Gulf Coast, packing sustained winds of 125 miles an hour. Before it was through, the storm had killed at least 20 people in four states and caused at least \$1.8 billion in damages to insured properties, making it the third costliest storm in U.S. history.







**BATS VS. THE ARMS.** The Cleveland Indians and the Atlanta Braves squared off in the first World Series in two years. This was, perhaps, the first between teams with politically incorrect nicknames. The hard-hitting Indians compiled a lofty team batting average of .291 for the season, while the Braves pitching staff, led by Greg Maddux (19-2), was widely acknowledged to be the game's best. The Braves won the series in six games.





IT'S A LOT HARDER THAN IT LOOKS. Seniors Klay Spearman and Brian Volbrecht show off their sumo wrestling coordination. The foam-stuffed suits were a big hit with students who challenged friends to wrestling competitions.



SAY CHEESE! Orientation leader Randi Tanglen puts on a big smile for the camera. She joined new students and their families for the annual "welcome" brunch at President Arthur DeRosier's home.

THIS ORIENTATION STUFF AIN'T SO BAD. Orientation leaders (from left) Traci Ames, Sue Scheidt and Stephanie Lilley get a short break from all of the orientation activities. They were among 20 students who volunteered their time to make the event a successful one.

# orientation 1995







Orientation Leaders (back row l - r): Chris Rogness, Brian Volbrecht, Jennie Guidi, Dalayna Faught, George Robinson, Crystal Guidi, Kelley Rhodes, Melanie Veach, Randi Tanglen, Stephanie Lilley, Lisa Orlor, and Traci Ames. (front row l - r): DelAnn Eldridge, Kim Wagenius, Heather Fanning, and Holly Evans.



UPSIDE DOWN YOU'RE TURNING ME. Several students tested the magic of the velcro wall and even braved a flip or two.





**Orientation 1995** was considered one of Rocky's most successful!







## Eat, Dance, Socialize...

and not necessarily in  
that order!

An outdoor BBQ and performance from the local band *Silenced* set the stage for orientation 1995. The weather couldn't have been more perfect -- 75 degrees and sunny! As anyone knows, a Montana outdoor event in late August can be threatened by Mother Nature at any moment. Students, faculty, staff and their families had a blast!





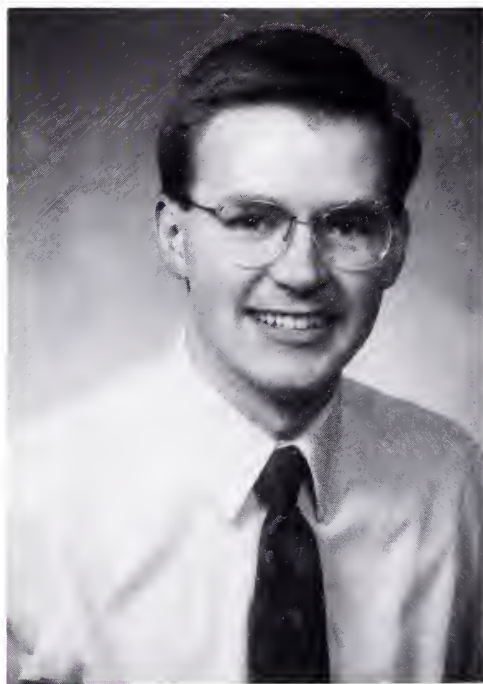
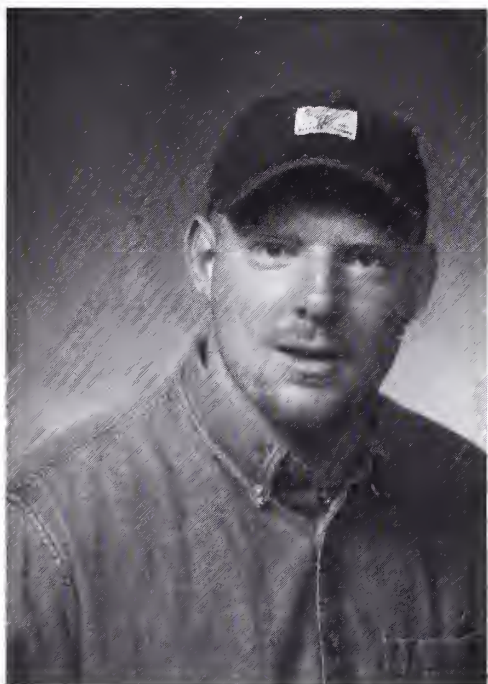






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# 1996 Senior Graduates



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Bauer, Steven

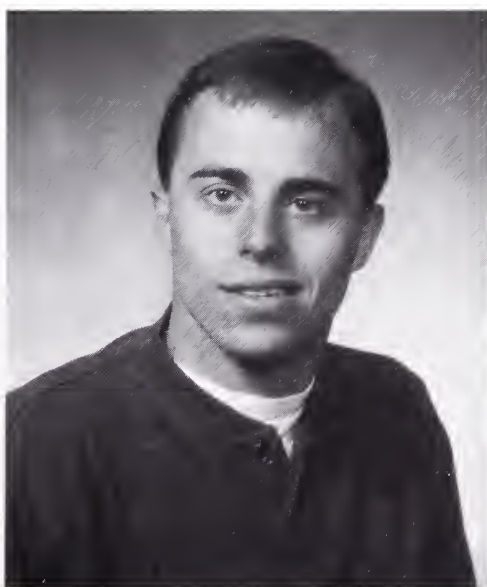




Bell, Scott  
Beyer, Jill



Big Back, Kenneth  
Bingley, Chris



Browning, James  
Costello, Brian

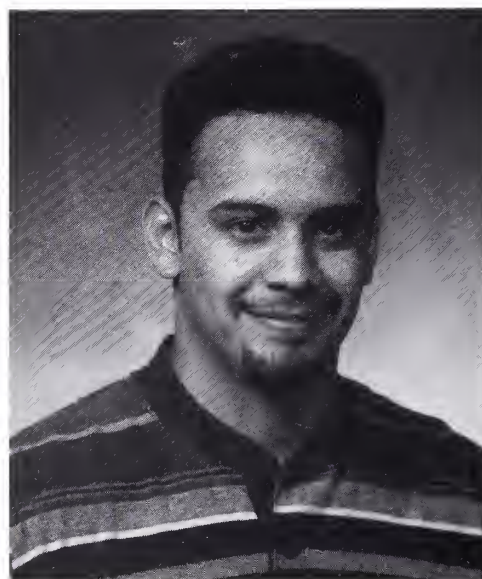




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Eldridge, Del Ann  
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Garcia, Amaya  
Gomez, Alan

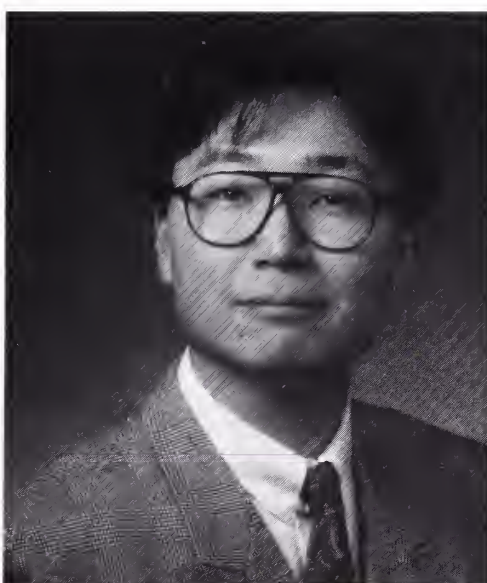




Lara Gray  
Linda Hartung

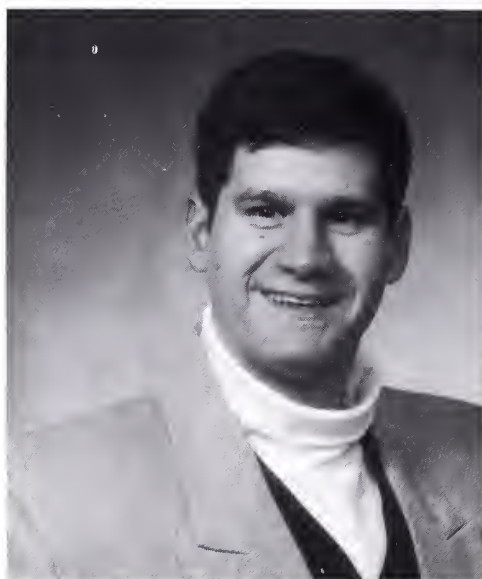


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Homan, Hiroki



Hosford, Erica  
Ishikawa, Kenichi





Kemmer, Matthew  
Kenat, Dave



Koch, Brad  
Kuxhausen, Jane



Laughery, Rhonda  
Lentz, Anne

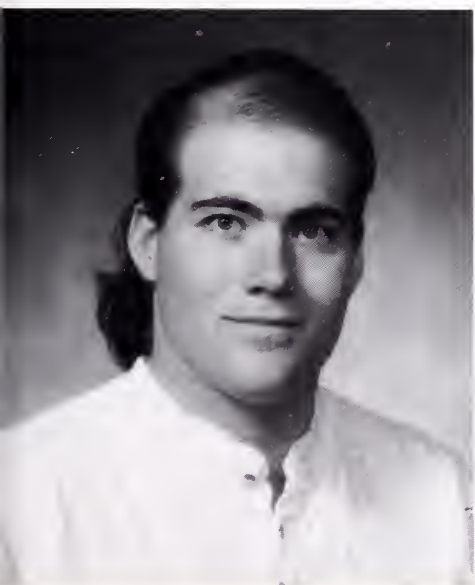




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Matthews, Sherry



Mickey, Jeremy  
Mills, Ronee

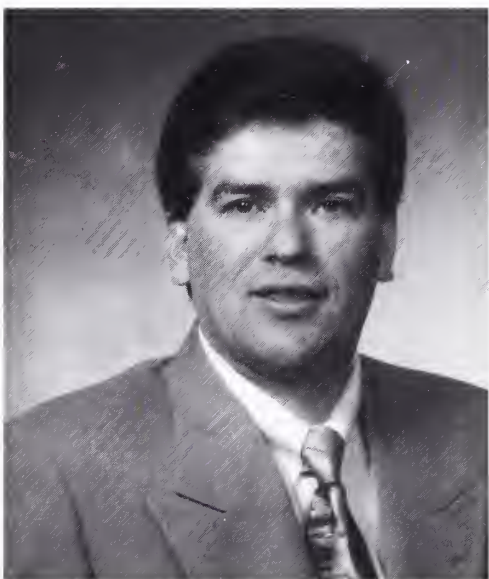




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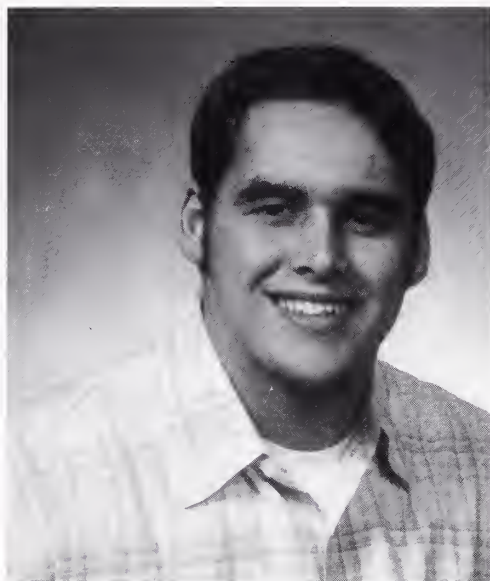


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Novasio, Tobin



Nunez, Marcos  
O'Neill, Roberta





Osterlind, Sarah  
Presley, Jason

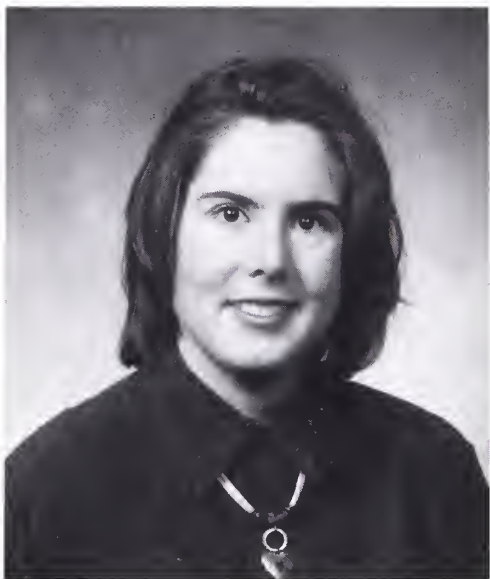


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Rhodes, Kelley  
Sigel, Edward

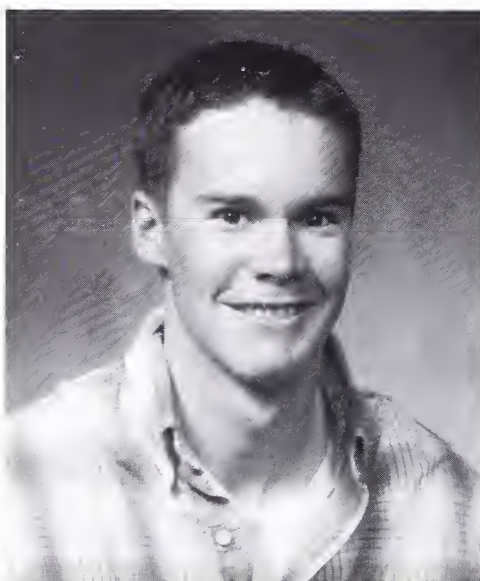




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Vaira, Brady  
Volbrecht, Brian

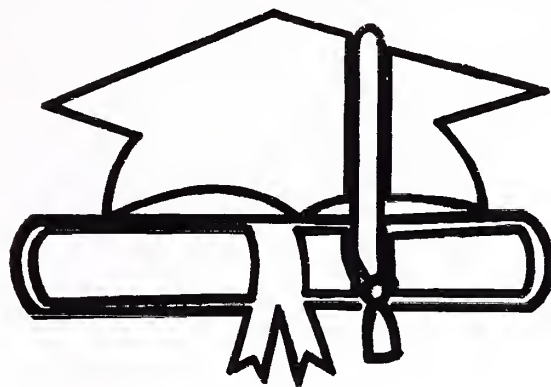


Voss, Tamera  
Wurflinger, Gordy





Yoshikane, Chieko





# GRADUATING SENIORS LEAVE THEIR MARK

Harvest Big Back

Brian Costello

Amber Hall

John O'Brien

Erica Horsford

Justin Lund

Wendy C. Dyer Reynolds

Don Dore  
Chin Bingley

Jason Presley

Ray Spearman

Gordon Wiggins  
Dana Kault  
Dustin Eldridge

Susan Miller

Roberta Bueck

Renee Miller  
Reiko Tsukamoto

Eshad H. Siel

Rebecca L. Hackett

Jim Browning  
Lessa Thoden

Amayal

Anne Lentz

Brandi Mathews

Brian Vollbrecht

Rhonda Laughlin

Stan Baur

Sarah Evans

Brian Vaira

Tracy D. Koch

Kari Stelling

Janet Smith  
Dana Gray

Karen Nichols  
Dany Mathews

Yvonne E. Jones

Clayton

Finan Standen  
Hartung



# Congratulations!

Dean's Cup	Steven Bauer, Amaya Garcia
President's Cup	Steven Bauer, Lyssa Thaden
Ossie Abrams Faculty Awards	
	Robyn Cummings, Linaya Leaf, Barb Vail
Accounting	Chad Thompson
Art	Allen Goehner
Aviation Studies	Angela McConnell
Biology	Erica Shepherd, Amaya Garcia
Chemistry	Erica Shepherd, Chryssie Landrigan
Computer Science	Lyssa Thaden
Degree Completion	Ted Kober
Economics/Wall Street Journal	Steven Bauer
English	Emily May, Karen Nichols
English as a Second Language	Nozomi Wada
Environmental Science	Sara Evans
Equestrian Studies	Tammie Patrick, Jane Kuxhausen
Mathematics	Alicia Littlewolf
Modern Foreign Languages	Gretchen Wagner
Music	Matthew Kemmer, Jay Stimac
Psychology	Wynette Dyess
SAS	Crystal Dreese



Steven Bauer and Lyssa Thaden after being presented with academic awards

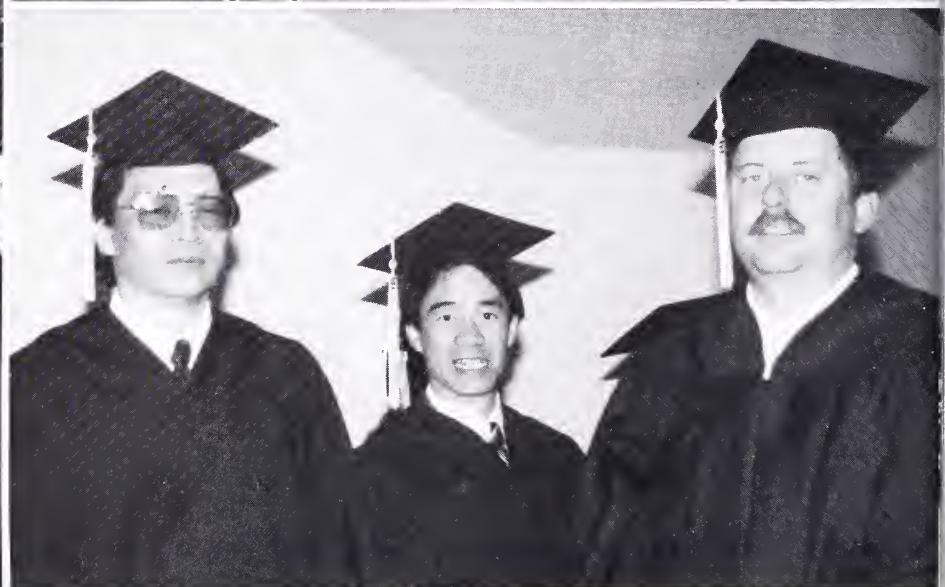
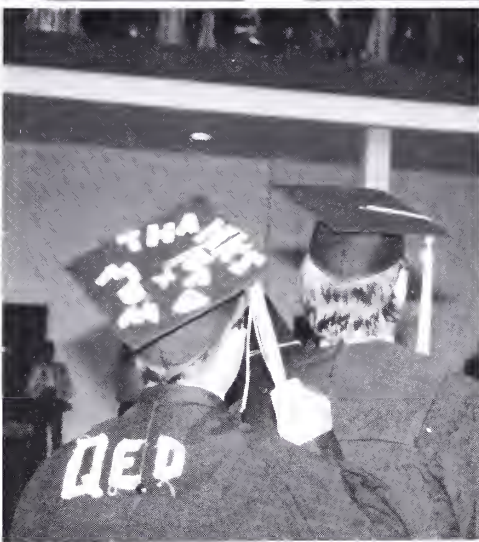
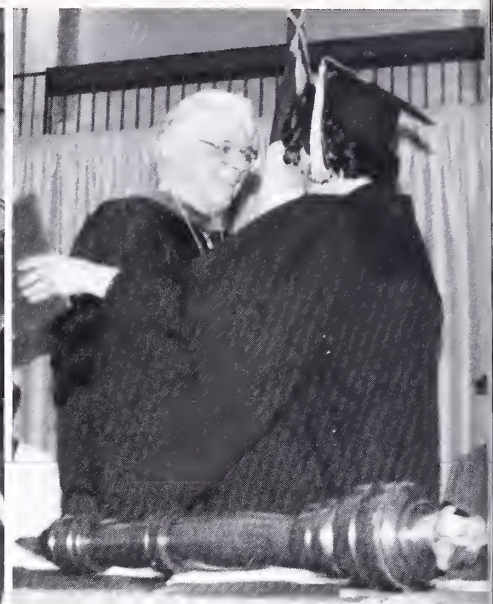
## Who's Who Recipients for 1996

Dawn Alears  
Steven J. Bauer  
Christopher M. Bingley  
Sandi Cannon  
Wynette Dyess  
Elizabeth Fandek  
Amaya Garcia  
Allen Goehner  
Linda Hartung  
Matthew Kemmer

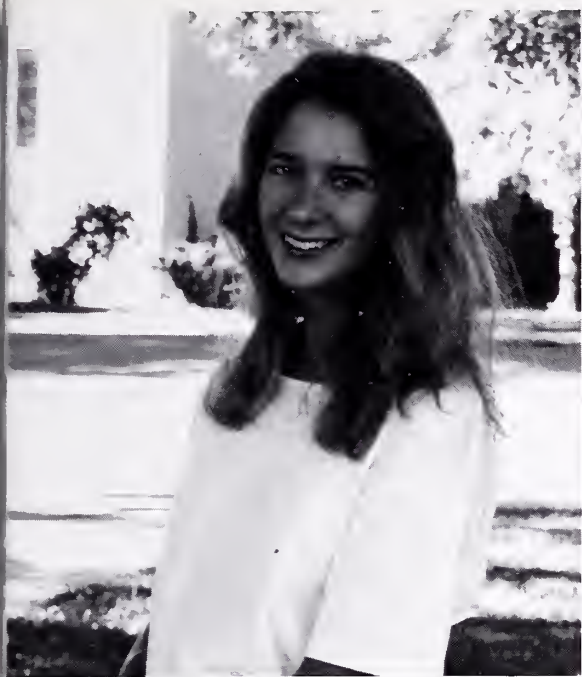
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Brad Koch  
Rhonda Laughery  
Kristy Lund  
Brandi Martinez  
Sherry Matthews  
Emily May  
Jeremy Mickey  
Susan Miller  
Meghan Murnion

Scott Neuman  
Karen Nichols  
Jonathan Page  
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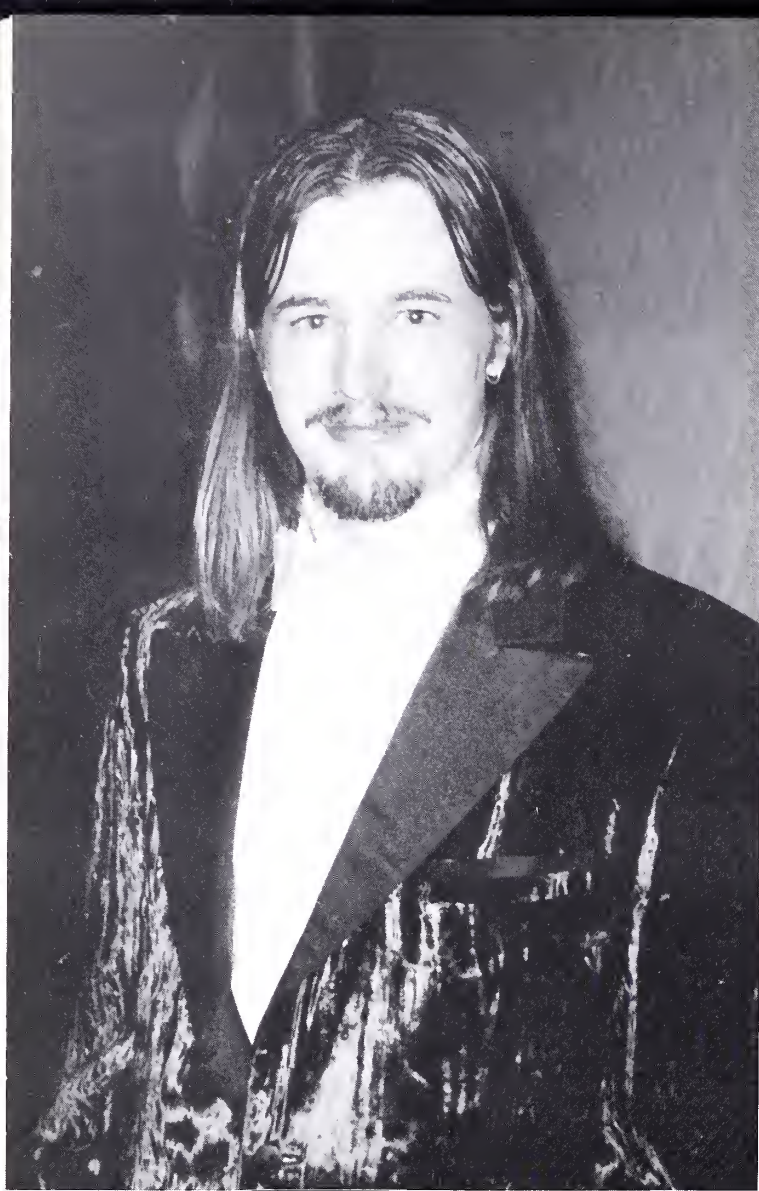


















# UNDERGRADUATES

## 1995-96

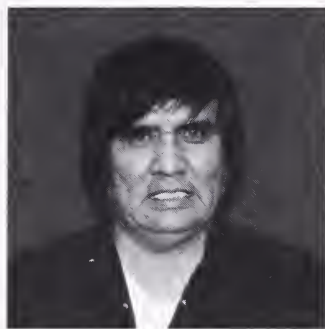


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Janet Aurelio

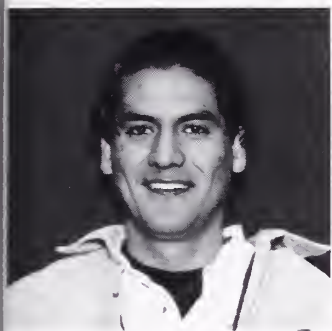


Jennifer Baldner  
Emily Barker  
Shawn Barndt





Janice Bauwens  
Alfred Begay  
Devon Bjerkness



Augusto Loayza Borda  
David Brost  
Margaret Burns



Jeri Burnside  
Chris Campbell  
Carolyn Coefield



Josh Charles  
Casey Choate  
Molly Collins

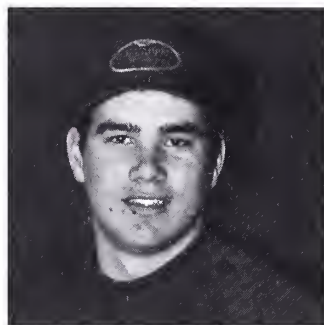


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Erin Crabtree  
Mark Crone

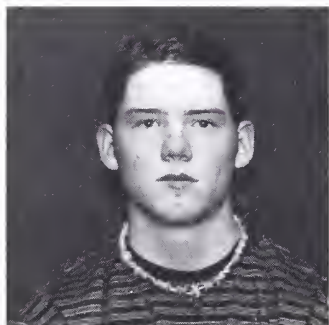




Kristin Crouch  
Cheyenne Cundall  
Chris Currier



Nicole Davis  
Betty Day  
Patrick DeMontigny



Pete Dickson  
Angela Dinardi  
Chrystal DeCoteau



Lynsey Dooley  
Tracy Elletson  
Tami Engle



Holly Evans  
Dalayna Faught  
James Filiaggi

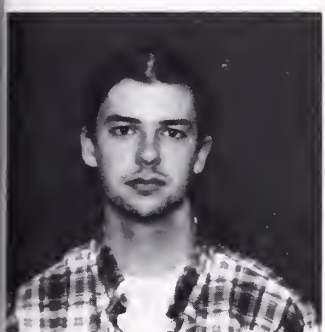




Tammy Fraser  
Linda Fries  
Kimberly Gardea



Robin Garrard  
Jonna Gelormino  
Jaime Gibbs



Allen Goehner  
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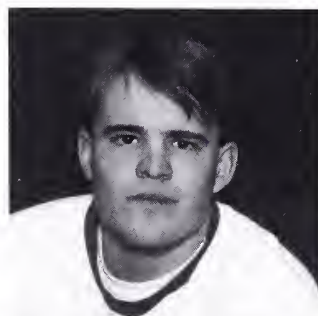




HEADIN' HOME



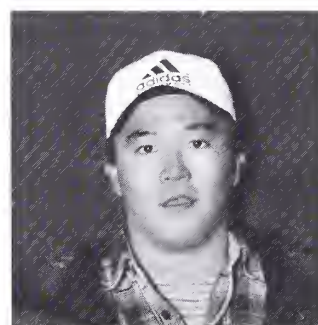
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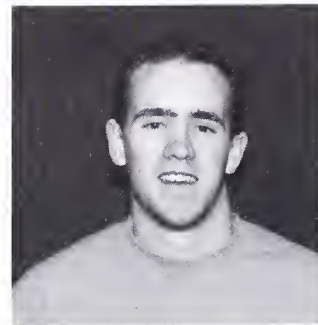
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Johnny Horn



Marc Huizing  
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Christi Hutchins



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Erica Johnson  
Seichi Kanada



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Ken Keierleber  
Justin Kibbe

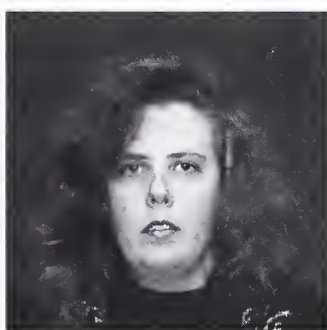




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Kasey Krum  
Angie Kunz



Dan Lacey  
Chrissy LaRicca  
Christine Larson



Mike Larson  
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Stephanie Lilley  
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Nathan Long



Paul Lambert  
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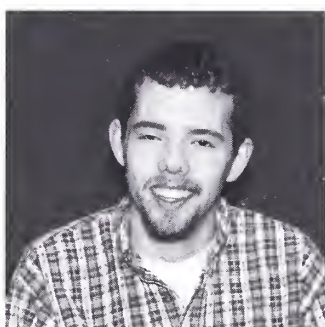




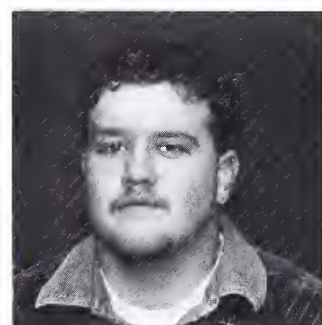
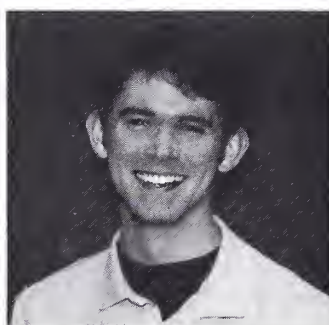
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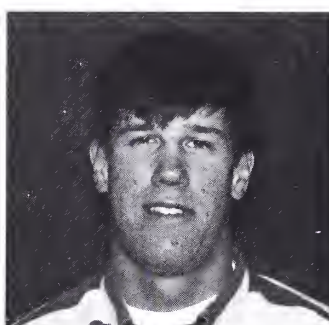
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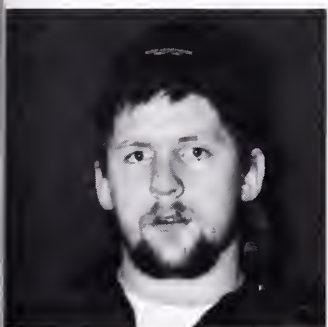
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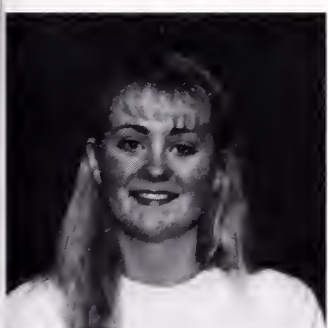
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David Pfancook



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Coy Rice  
Riley Rober





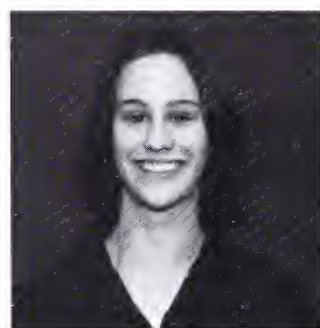
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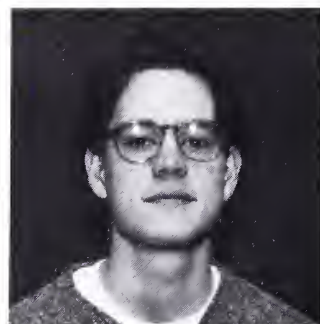
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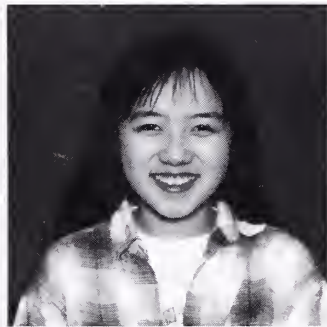
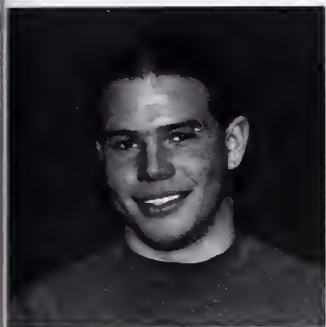


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Jennifer Smith



Scott Sparks  
Jamie Sprando  
Ethan Stapp





Paul Steele  
Andrew Stolbunoff  
Shinako Suzuki



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Angela Thomas  
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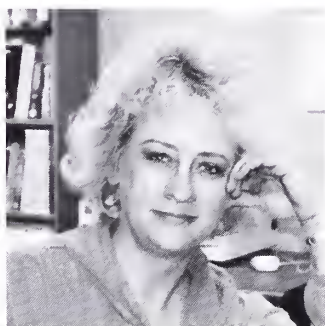




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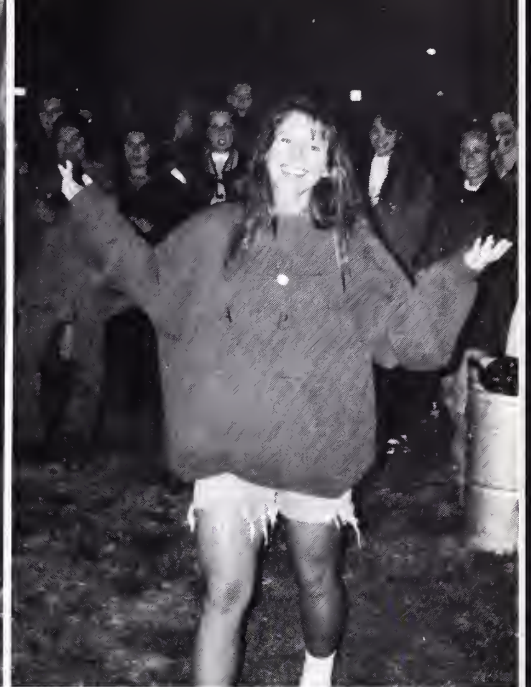
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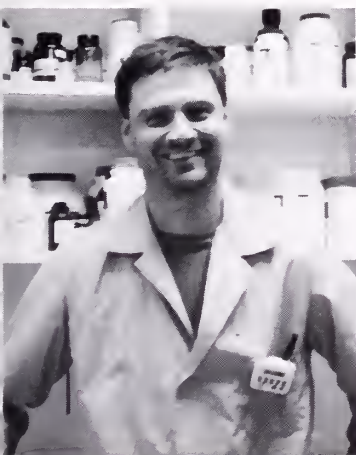




# STAFF AND FACULTY



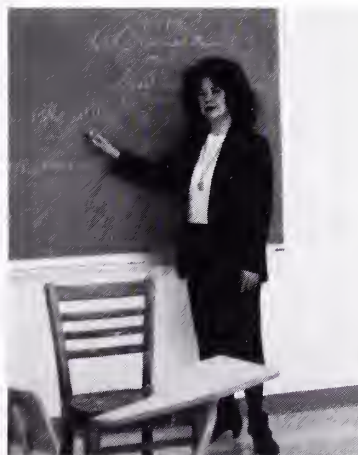
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PE and Health

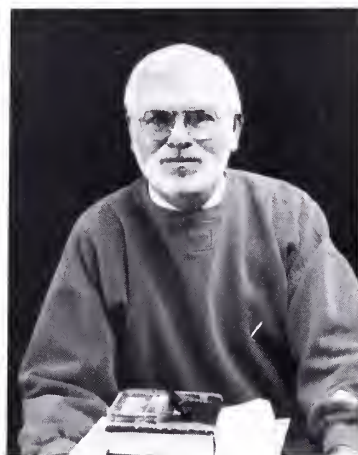


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Accounting





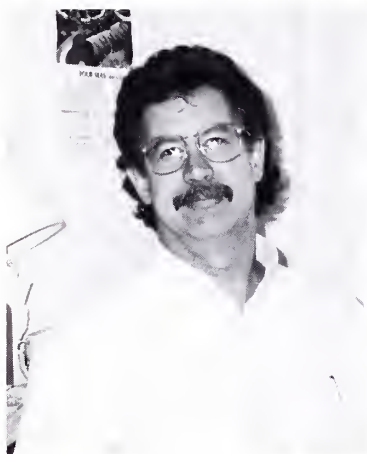
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Fred Binckes  
Music



Judy Blakeslee  
SAS



Ken Briggs  
International Advisor



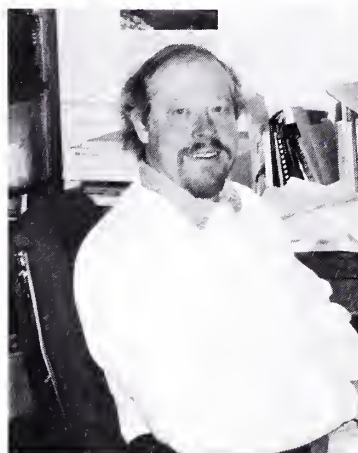
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Central Operations Director



Bev Brust  
Business Office



June Butler  
Advancement



Jay Cassel  
Philosophy/Religion



John Cech  
Community Services  
Director



Judy Chapman  
Financial Aid Director



Victoria Christie  
Speech



Ron Cochran  
Sociology/Anthropology





Chrissantha Cramer  
Advancement



Robyn Cummings  
Mathematics



Caroline Chvilicek  
Business Office



Gary DeMille  
Outdoor Recreation



Linda DeRosier  
Psychology



Mishia Eldridge  
Community Services



Kari Enger  
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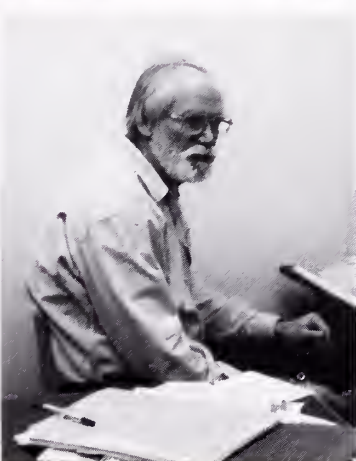
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Admissions



Jessica Francischetti  
Financial Aid



Jim Gainan  
Annual Giving  
Director



Ray Graham  
Chemistry



Beverly Gray  
Community Services





Carolyn Hayter  
Advancement



JoAnne Haverland  
Dean of Students Sec.



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Personnel



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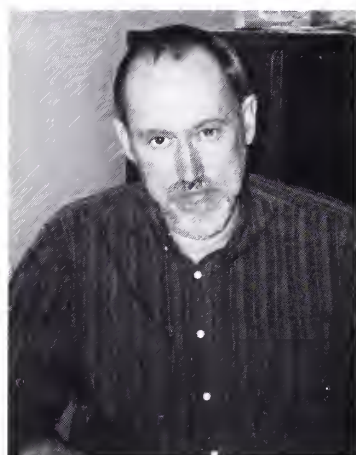
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Director of Alumni



Audrey Jurovich  
Nurse



Cari Karns  
Admissions



Bob Ketchum  
SAS



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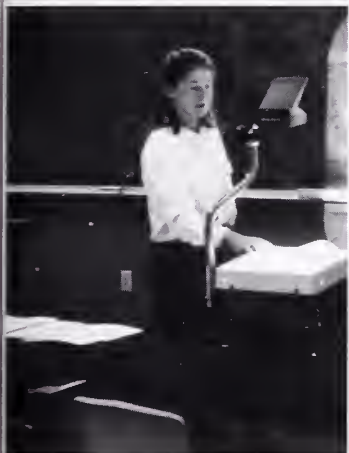




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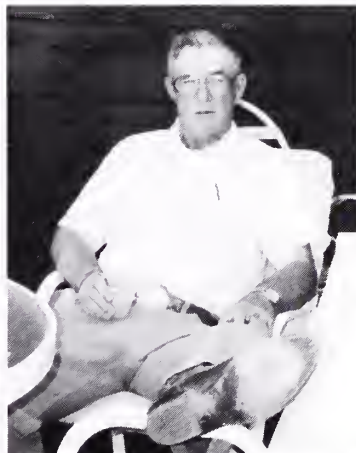
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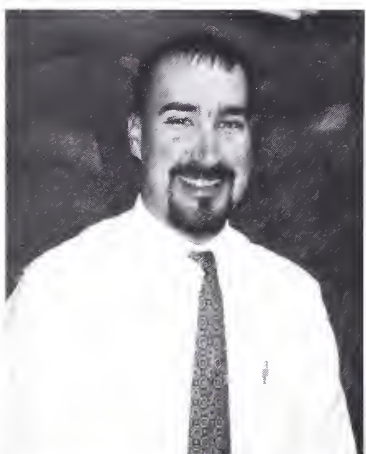
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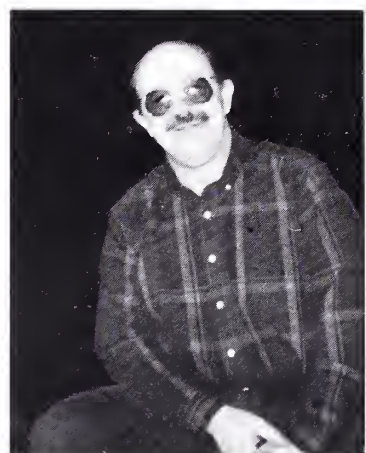
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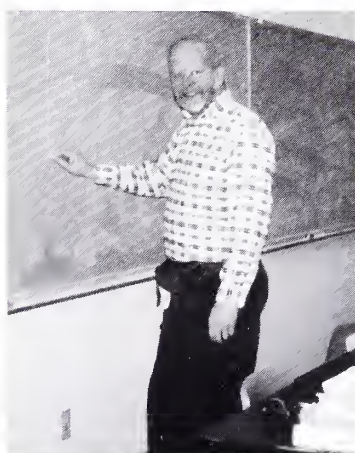
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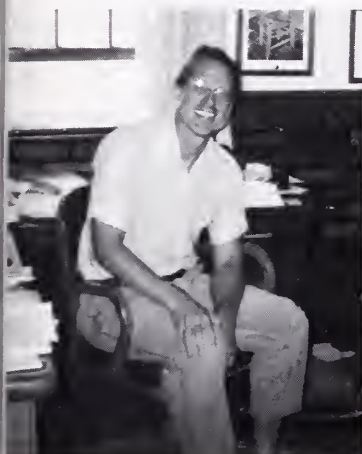
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# Rocky Mountain College Choir

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Rocky Mountain College Choir, under the direction of Professor Pihlaja, in early December hopped on a charter bus for a three-day tour of Montana. Over half the choir was suffering from illnesses, but they charged on.

Throughout the year the choir performed at several locations in Billings. The 1995-96 year was productive for the vocal department.

Bottom left: David Brost speaking to a gentleman who participated in the first men's choir at Billings Polytechnic Institute, Rocky Mountain College's predecessor.

Bottom right: Kristin Crouch displays the marquee of the students' favorite performance hall.







# Rocky Mountain College Band and Jazz Band



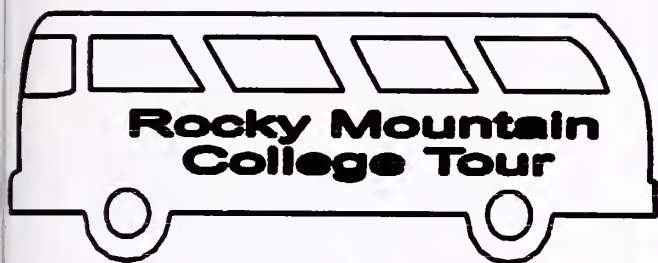


Rocky Mountain College Jazz Band, under the direction of Dr. David Reynolds, in early December joined the college choir on a tour of Montana. During the trip, Reynolds' famous words were, "This is Paul from San Diego."

The Rocky Mountain Band is also under the direction of Reynolds. Throughout the 1995-96 year the band performed at several locations in Billings and kept spirits high during football games. It was a great year for the instrumental music department.

Top right: Paul Steele falling asleep while waiting for the choir to finish performing at the Adams Funeral Home.

Bottom: Jazz students patiently wait for the choir to finish their performance.





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Directed by: Steve Zediker







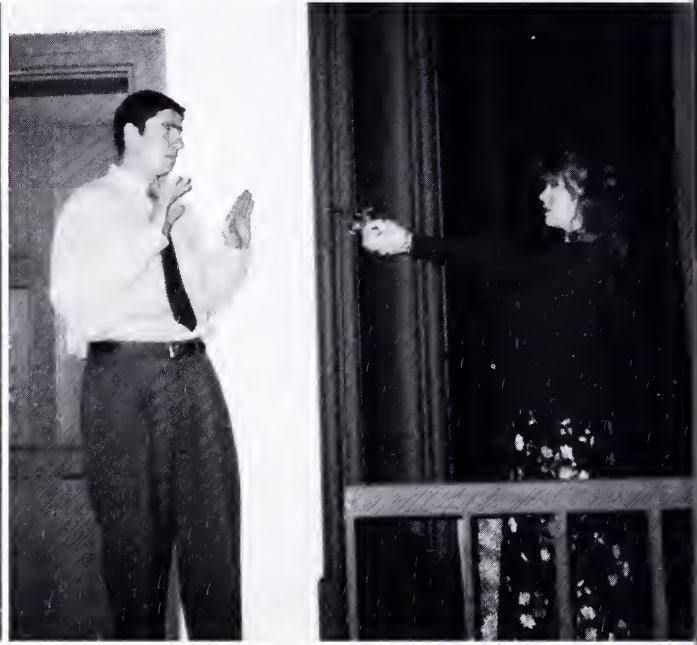
*Twelfth Night or What You Will!*  
Directed by: Linaya Leaf





# Death Of A Maiden

Directed by: Brandon Lahren



## The Secrets Of Mildred Wild

Directed by: Gerry Roe



*We hope you  
enjoyed the show.*







# A HOME AWAY FROM HOME



Gerri Savage, from Ireland, shares her American stories and a perspective experienced by many international students.

Sometime in November 1994, I was a wee bit late for one of my lectures so I decided to study in the psychology lounge. On the wall was a leaflet advertising placements in America. The Training and Employment Agency, a government body designed to boost the economy, was behind it all. I attended a seminar and got an application form. In February 1995 I got my first interview. About 56 colleges were offering placements to Northern Ireland students as part of the peace process and to forge links between the United States and the Emerald Isle.

The interview went brilliantly and I went home, knowing I'd hear from them soon. A week passed, two, then three. On the closing date, I called their offices. "Oh, we sent you the information. When you didn't reply, we thought you weren't interested." Not interested?! Were they crazy?! After much wailing and gnashing of teeth, they agreed to let me run down there and fill out the info for my "decider" interview. I ran to the TEA office. Rule: Don't run in Belfast, people tend to assume you are a terrorist. Anyway, the boss gave me a list of colleges to review. I looked

it over -- some had strange names like St. James of the Ecclectic Parrot or something like that. Then my finger paused... Rocky Mountain College, Montana. Ah-ha! I liked the name, so I looked it up. It got quite a nice write up in the college hand book. I knew where Montana was, and a little about it. Lots of cows and cowboys... could be fun.

It was the 16th of March, the day before Saint Patrick's Day and the office was a wee bit hectic. I showed the agency man my completed forms. "Rocky, eh? A good choice, you'll like it."

Boy was he right. When I got here three things knocked me for six: the heat, the crickets and the sports. America was, and still is a complete trip for me. It is so different from my own culture, it's quite strange. Fruit roll-ups, "off-spring," skiing, snow, more snow, fun, more fun -- everything has been an experience for me.

People here are very accepting. You are a much more open culture. Maybe it's because being an American means you are composed of a lot of different cultures. Everyone's heritage is different (but

some how every one in America manages to have some Irish in him/her).

Rocky is a ways from the mountains, but I love it anyway. The school system here is so different to the universities back home. Rocky is the perfect size, not too small, but just small enough so you know everyone. There is diversity here, in culture, race, gender and beliefs (even down to which football team you support).

I have made a lot of friends here, some I know I'll have for the rest of my life. People tease me about my accent, but it is all in good fun and I love them all. I have learned a lot, and we're not just talking about academics. Some of it good, some of it not so good. I think I have grown up quite a bit in the past eight months.

I have become part of the Rocky family and it is going to be hard to leave, and unless I win the British lottery, I probably won't be back for a few years. So, make your college years ones to remember, and never forget rule number eight:

"Live fast, live hard, smile at least five times a day and never get caught without a good excuse."





Reiko Tsukamoto (left) and Yuko Amano (right) are only two of the 62 foreign students at Rocky in the fall of 1995. Thirty-eight international students were from Japan, 12 from Canada, and one or two students from Australia, Bulgaria, Hong Kong, Costa Rica, Germany, Indonesia, Northern Ireland, Korea, Peru, Russia and Spain. These 62 represented about eight percent of the total student body.



Reiko Tsukamoto (sitting) and Alice Yim sell T-shirts and sweatshirts to raise money for the *Sojourners Club* in the Student Union Building. *Sojourners*, a club for students who intercultural and international interests got a good start in 1995 under the direction of President Kenichi Ishikawa. Alice Yim was elected president for the 1996-97 school year. The purpose of the club is to promote intercultural understanding on campus and in the community.



# cardboard city





"Why the hell are you doing this?" a friend asked. "You are giving up a Friday night to sleep in a cardboard box and people will still be homeless."

I struggled for an answer to justify our event, but I could not find a good one. Instead I said something vague and trivial like, "We do it to show support for the homeless people." Support for the homeless people, I did not know what it meant; maybe donating some money to a charity would be better. Halfheartedly, I went along with the idea until the day approached.

Friday, February 16, 1996, we built our city of boxes. Our cardboard city was a microcosm of an actual city; we had a variety of residents and our own class system. Refrigerator boxes were the penthouses of the shanty and those who dwelt in them formed the upper class. The lower class slept in the smaller

boxes that made up the "ghetto" of the shanty; we pitied those who lived in such intolerable conditions. Our city attracted attention throughout the community; the newspapers and a local television station were eager to report on our town. It was a good town filled with good people.

Nightfall came and we gathered our blankets, sleeping bags and pillows to face a winter night in Billings, Montana. Our spirits were high and laughter filled the air. It felt like a camping trip and the festive atmosphere continued as we joked about our city and its tenants. The temperature steadily dropped and the once jubilant tenants found themselves shivering in a cardboard box. Sleeping on the frozen earth tweaked my neck and the slope of the ground caused me to sleep in a ridiculous pretzel-like position. The night dragged on like a bad novel. My ears lost feeling and my neck and back throbbed with pain. The night would never end; it would last forever.

Morning ap-

proached and we vacated our cardboard city and returned to our dorms, houses and apartments. I literally ran from the shanty to my dorm room. I nestled in my bed that, for the first time, felt soft. My room was warmer than I can ever recall.

The next morning the homeless problem dominated my thoughts; did we live as they live? Could we now understand the homeless plight? A fundamental problem with our experience is that it was temporary. I kept telling myself, "just tough it out, it is only one night." I would put my life on hold for one night and pick up where I left off the next day. The homeless cannot do this; for the homeless, this is life. They have to live in the elements whether it is rain or snow and they have to meet their needs without a warm place to sleep. Our shanty town was too pleasant.

We had expensive sleeping bags, thick blankets and soft pillows, one resident brought a cellular phone. My neighbors were all friends of mine and I felt comfortable

around them. The homeless do not have these luxuries.

Members of society praised us and the press even covered our story. The media got footage of us building our houses while we smiled for the cameras in our Rocky Mountain College sweatshirts. It is ironic that people were doing the real thing blocks away from campus and the press did not care. If we were to experience what the homeless were to experience, people should have treated us like the homeless. They should have ignored us.

The shanty town was unsuccessful in teaching us the pain and trials that homelessness brings. I realize we can never understand the trials they go through. Before we can end homelessness, our country had to recognize the affliction; only then can we take steps to help homeless people.

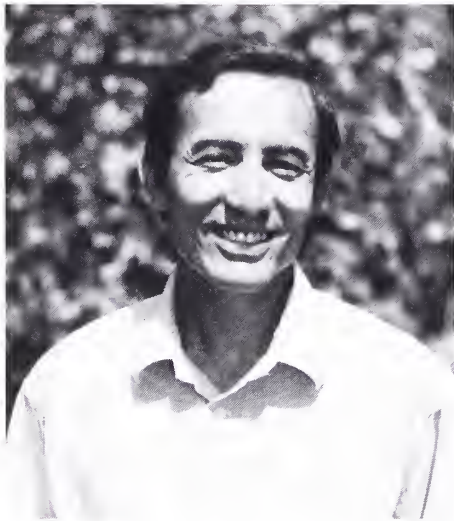
Story written by Jon Nuss, a sophomore from Thermopolis, Wyoming.





# VOLLEYBALL

## '95-1996



Wade Wells, Head Coach



Mark Little, Asst. Coach



Elyn McAlear

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aces digs  
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Sara Evans



Marcine Holzer



Diana Smith



Ellie Oberly



Jennifer Reiter



Heather Wells



Allie Wright



Aimee Ball



Jaime Gibbs



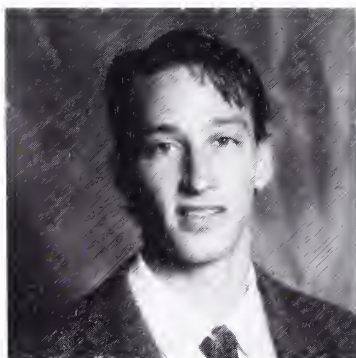
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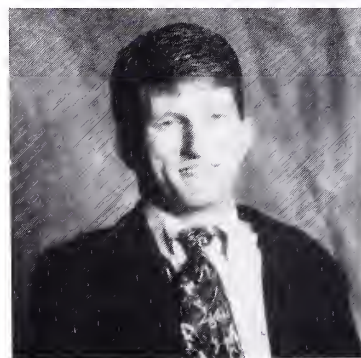
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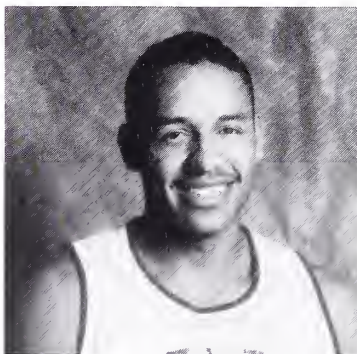
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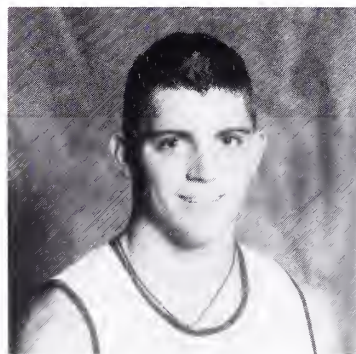
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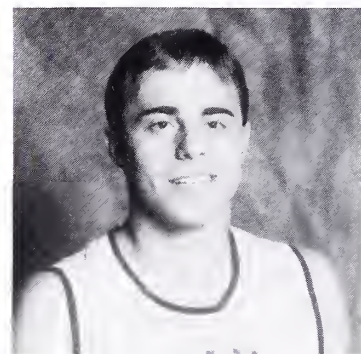
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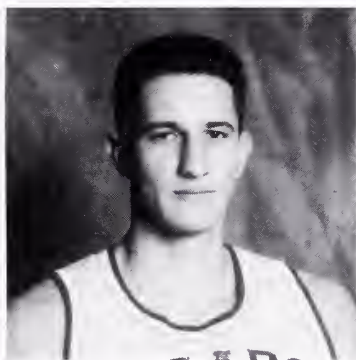


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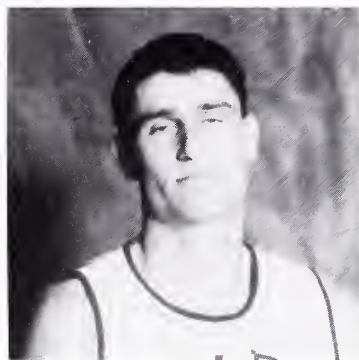




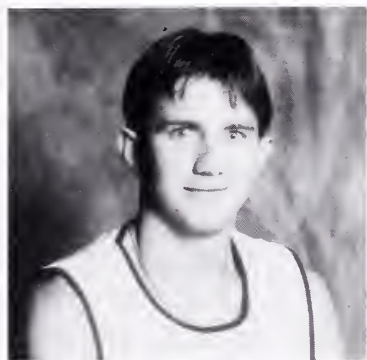
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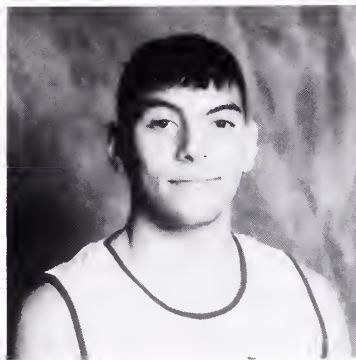
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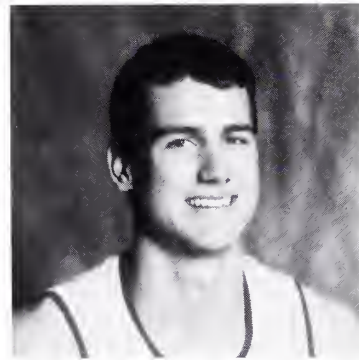
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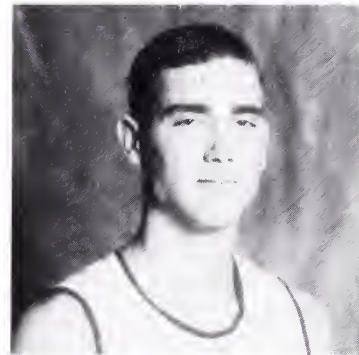
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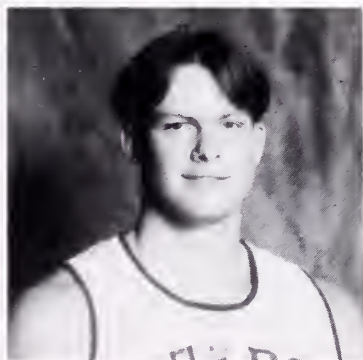
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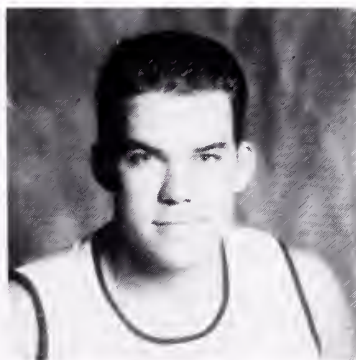
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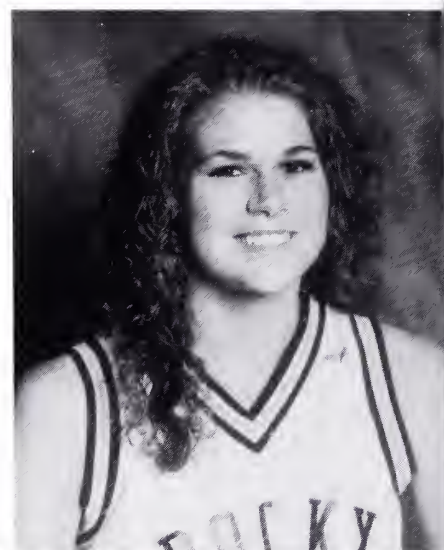
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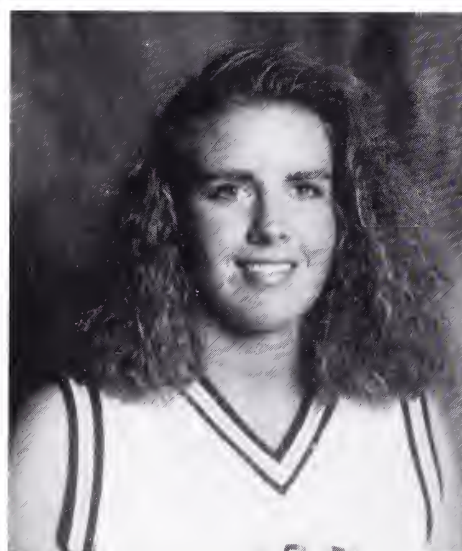
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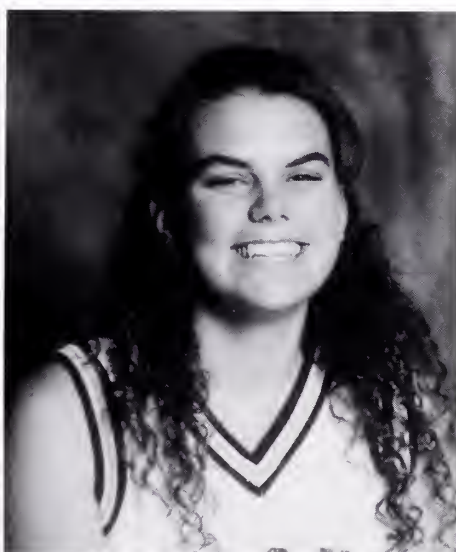
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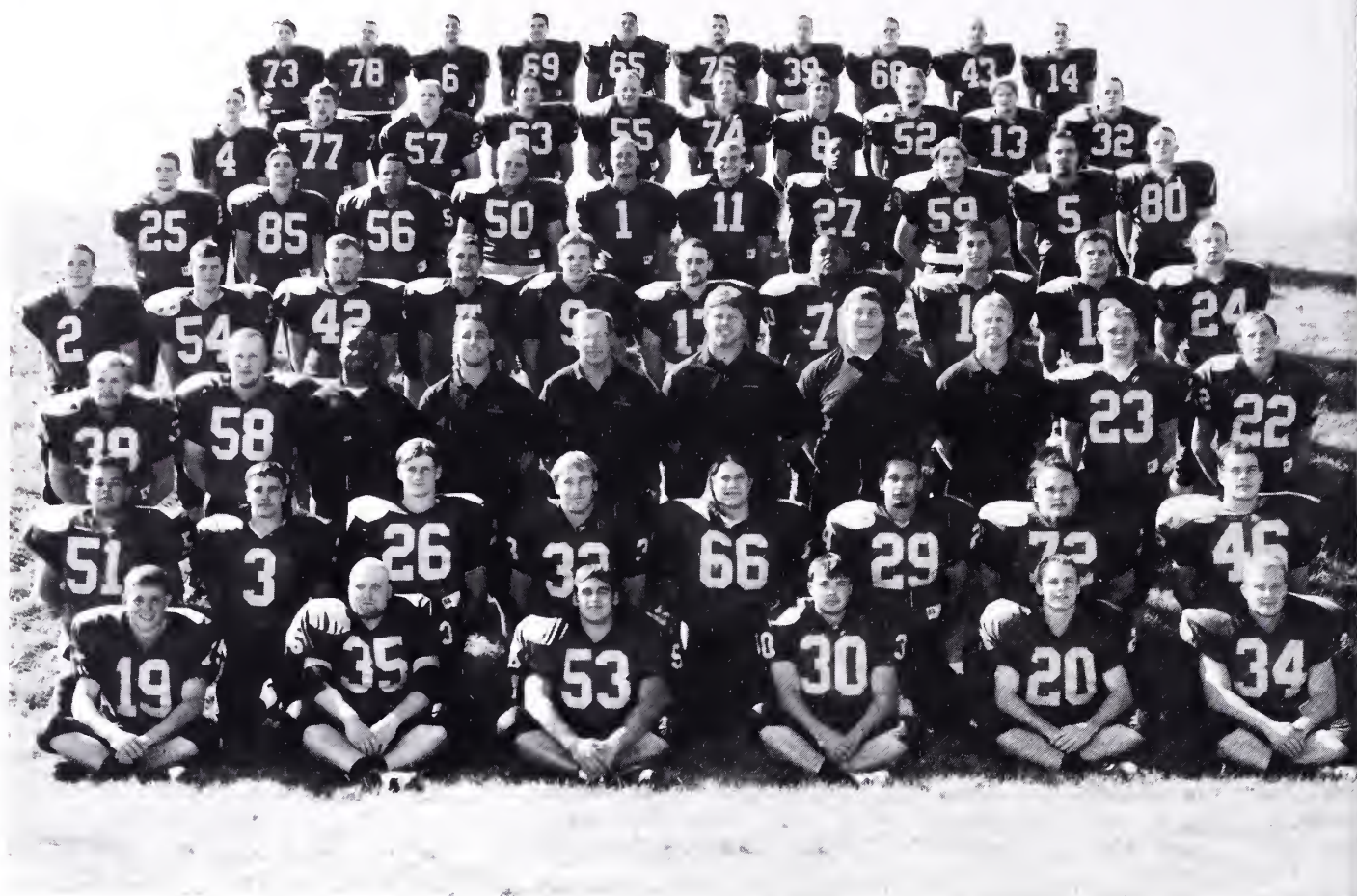


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# FOOTBALL



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Dave Hoffman



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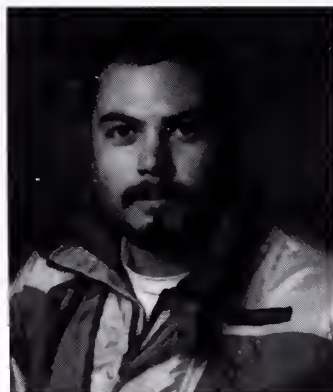
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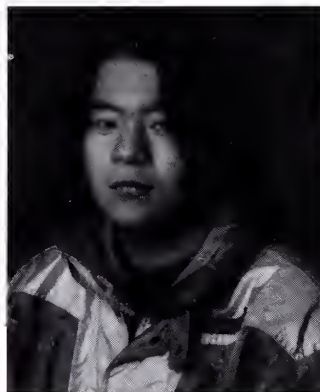
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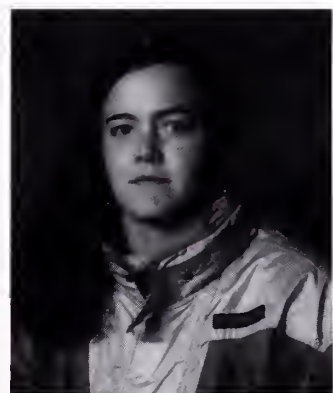
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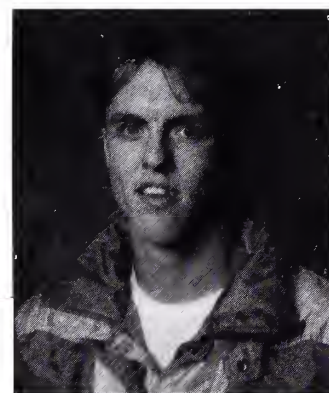
Don Ahnee



Jennifer King



Pat Begley



Corbyn Thorsen



Peter Dickson



Nicole Davis

**see you  
on the  
slopes!**



Say goodbye to the Student Union Building... say hello to the Bair Family Student Center.



## Prelude to a Facelift

Mud, hard hats and bull dozers were the sights and sounds around Rocky Mountain College's campus this spring. In March, crews began the first phase of renovating the Student Union Building. The new building will be named the Bair Family Student Center -- after a \$1 million gift. The new facility, expected to be completed in April 1997, will house not only an expanded bookstore and small computer center, but also the Sam and Judy McDonald Commons, Dorothy and Buster Metz Game Room, Don Fraley Student Lounge and the Marriott Kitchen, all named for other major contributors to the project. The ground breaking ceremony was held on campus Monday, November 20, 1995, around a very appropriate time of year -- Thanksgiving.

Students Randi Tanglen, Mary Hein, Brady Vaira and Coy Rice were the first to "dig in" with shovels. About 100 people showed up to witness the event. Surprisingly, the ground wasn't frozen for such a late date in November.





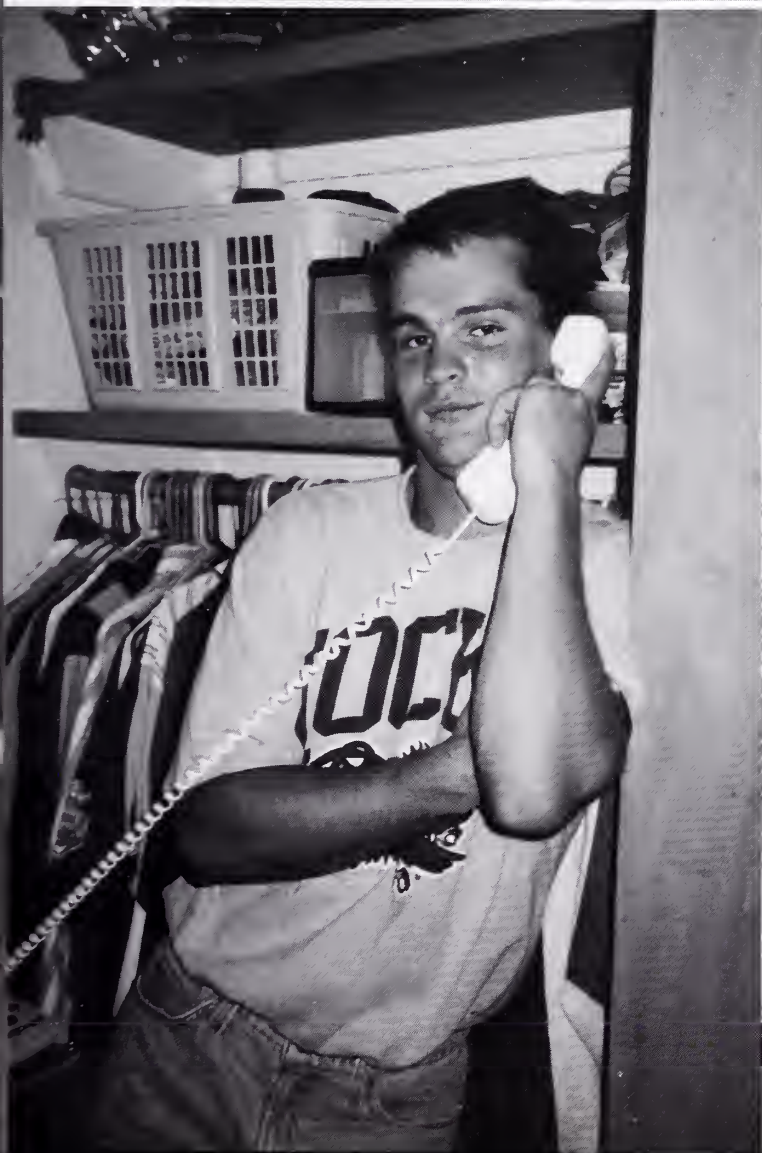
Board of Trustee members George Selover and Don Fraley (right) participated in the ground breaking ceremonies, where the official "Bair Family Student Center" name was unveiled.





















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**Enjoy  
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